A LETTER OF The Parliament of *Scotland* TO BOTH HOUSES OF The Parliament of *England*.

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A Letter from the Parliament of *Scotland* to the Parliament of ENGLAND.

Right Honorable,

OUr *Commissioners at* London *and* New-Castle, *having received from the Honorable Houses the Vote of the first of* January, *and communicated the same to us; We have considered of it as a businesse of very great concernment to both Nations, And therefore have resolved upon the incloſed Declaration and Desires; Whereby, it will appear how willing we are, to comply with the resolutions of both Houses; And how desirous to remove all jealousies, for strengthning the Peace and Union and maintaining a good understanding between the Kingdoms, so firmly tyed by Solemn League and Covenant; And how confident, that they will satisfie our reasonable desires, And make the integrity of their proceedings and resolutions in all this businesse con-*

cerning His Majesty, appear either by Declaration, or otherwise as in their wisdom they shall think fit; whereby no occasion of calumny may be left to the wicked Enemies of either Nation. And as God hath blessed the joynt endeavours of both, during our Armies abode in that Kingdom; So it will be a great encouragement for us to hope for the continuance of the same blessing in time coming, that our resolution be known to be one at our removing, in relation to all the ends contained in our mutual League and Covenant; And if any difficulty occurre there (for gaining of time) we desire, that the Honorable Houses may be pleased to send particular Instructions to their Commissioners at New-Castle, *with whom we shall authorize ours to concur for the just satisfaction of both Kingdoms; and we rest*

Edinbrugh *the* 16 *of January* 1647.

Your affectionate friends
Crawfurd *and* Lindsay.
J. P. D. Parl.

For the Right Honorable the Lords and Commons Assembled in the Parliament of *England* at *Westminster*.

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THE DECLARATION OF THE KINGDOME OF *SCOTLAND*.

WHEREAS it pleased God to joyn the Kingdoms of *Scotland*, *England* and *Ireland* in Solemn League and Covenant, for Reformation and Defence of Religion, The Honour and Happinesse of the King, and Their Own Peace and Safety : And in pursuance thereof the Scotish Army being in the Kingdom of *England*, the Kings Majesty came to their Quarters before *Newark*, and professed he came there with a full and absolute intention to give all just satisfaction to the joynt Desires of both Kingdoms, & with no thought either to continue this Unnatural War any longer, or to make Division betwixt the Kingdoms, but to comply with His Parliaments and those entrusted by them,

them, in every thing, for ſetling of Truth and Peace; and that He would apply Himſelf totally to the Counſels and Advices of His Parliaments: Which He did not onely profeſſe Verbally to the Committee of Eſtates with the Scotiſh Army; but alſo in His ſeveral Letters and Declarations under His Hand, to the Committee of Eſtates of *Scotland*, and unto the two Houſes of the Parliament of *England* reſpectively. In Confidence whereof, and of the reality of His Intentions and Reſolutions, which He declared did proceed from no other Ground, then the Deep Senſe of the Bleeding condition of His Kingdoms; The Committees of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, and General Officers of the Scotiſh Army, declared to Himſelf, and to the Kingdom of *England*, their receiving of His Royal Perſon to be on Theſe terms, (which is truth, notwithſtanding what may be ſuggeſted or alleadged to the contrary, by any within or without the Kingdoms); and repreſented to Him, That the onely way of His Own Happineſſe, and Peace of His Kingdoms, under God, was, To make good His Profeſſions ſo ſolemnly renewed to both Kingdoms. Thereafter, not onely were Propoſitions of Peace (which after ſerious and mature Deliberation were agreed upon) tendered to Him in the Name of both Kingdoms for His Royal Aſſent thereunto; but alſo the chief Judicatories of this Kingdom, both Civil and Eccleſiaſtick, made their humble and

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earneſt Addreſſes to His Majeſty by Supplications, Letters, and Commiſſioners for that end; and did freely repreſent all the Prejudices and Inconveniences of the Delay or Refuſal of His Aſſent, And in Particular, that this Kingdom would be neceſſitated to joyn with the Kingdom of *England* conform to the League and Covenant, in providing for the preſent and future Security of both Kingdoms, and ſetling the Government of both, as might beſt conduce to the Good of both. And the Parliament of *Scotland* being now to retire their Army out of *England*, have again, for their further exoneration, ſent Commiſſioners to repreſent their renewed Deſires to His Majeſtie, with the Danger may enſue by His Delay or Refuſal to grant the ſame; and that till then, there was danger to the Cauſe, to His Majeſtie, to this Kingdom, and to the Union betwixt the Kingdoms, by His coming to *Scotland*; And that therefore there would be a joynt courſe taken by both Kingdoms concerning the Diſpoſal of His Perſon. And conſidering that His Majeſty by His Anſwer to the Propoſitions of Peace in *Auguſt* laſt, and alſo by His late Meſſage ſent to the two Houſes, and, by his Warrant, communicated to the Eſtates of this Kingdom, Hath expreſſed His Deſires to be neer to His two Houſes of Parliament: And ſeeing alſo the Parliament of *England* have communicated to the Scotiſh Commiſſioners at *Newcaſtle*, and by them to this Kingdom their Reſolution,

ſolution, That *Holmeby-Houſe* in the County of *Northampton* is the Place which the Houſes think fit for the King to come unto, there to remain with ſuch Attendants about Him as both Houſes of Parliament ſhall appoint, with reſpect had to the Safety and Preſervation of His Royal Perſon, in the Preſervation and Defence of the true Religion and Liberties of the Kingdoms according to the Covenant. Therefore, And in regard of His Majeſties not giving a ſatisfactory Anſwer to the Propoſitions as yet, And out of their earneſt Deſire to keep a Right Underſtanding betwixt the Kingdoms, to prevent new Troubles within the ſame, to ſatisfie the Deſire of His Majeſty, of the two Houſes of the Parliament of *England*, and of this Kingdom, for His Reſidence in ſome of His Houſes neer the Parliament of *England*: The Eſtates of the Parliament of the Kingdom of *Scotland*, Do declare their Concurrence, for the Kings Majeſties going to *Holmeby-Houſe*, or ſome other of His Houſes in or about *London*, as ſhall be thought fit, there to remain until he give ſatisfaction to both Kingdoms in the Propoſitions of Peace; And that in the interim there be no harm, prejudice, injury, nor violence done to His Royal Perſon: That there be no change of Government other then hath been theſe three yeers paſt: And that His Poſterity in no ways be prejudiced in their lawful Succeſſion to the Crown and Government of theſe Kingdoms.

And

And as this is the cleare intention and full reſolution of the Kingdome of *Scotland*, according to their intereſt and duty in relation to the Kings Majeſty; So they are confident (from the ſame grounds and manifold Declarations of the Parliament of *England*) that the ſame is the reſolution of their Brethren: And at ſuch a time they expect a renewed Declaration thereof, and that they will give brotherly and juſt ſatisfaction to the deſires herewith ſent. Like as the Kingdome of *Scotland* do hereby aſſure their Brethren of *England*, that it ſhall be their conſtant endeavour to keepe, continue, and ſtrengthen the Union and Peace betwixt the Kingdomes according to the Covenant and Treaties. Extracted from the Records of Parliament, ſubſcribed by the Earle of *Crawfurd*, and *Lindſay* High Treaſurer of *Scotland*, and Preſident to the Parliament, Witneſſing thereunto the Subſcription and Signe Manuall of me Sir *Alexander Gibſon* of *Dury* Knight, Clarke of our Soveraignes Rolles, Regiſter, and Counſell.

January 16. 1647. *Alexander Gibſon Clericus Regiſtri.*

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Desires of the Kingdome of

SCOTLAND.

1. THat a Committee of both Kingdomes be appointed to attend his Majesty, and presse him further for granting the Propositions of peace; And in case of his refusall, to advise and determine what is further necessary for continuing and strengthening the union betweene the Kingdoms, according to the Covenant and Treaties; And that no Peace nor agreement be made by either Kingdome with the King, without the other, according to the late Treaty betwixt the Kingdomes.

2. Next it is desired, that such of the *Scottish* Nation, as have place or charge about the King (excepting such as stand excepted in the Propositions of Peace) may attend and ex-

exerciſe the ſame; and that none ſhall be debarred from having acceſſe to attend his Majeſty, who have warrant from the Parliaments of either Kingdome reſpectively, or from the Committee of either Parliament thereunto authorized.

3. It is deſired, that the one *Kingdome* aſſiſt the other, in caſe they be troubled from within, or from without for this agreement.

4. That the *Kingdome* of England would ſpeedily condiſcend, and agree upon ſome competency of entertainement for the Forces which we are neceſsitated to keepe up, to ſuppreſſe the *Iriſh* Rebels, whom by the large Treaty they are bound to ſuppreſſe:

Edenburgh the 16. *of* January. 1647.

Crawford & Lindſay
I. P. D. Parl.

A Copy of the Parliament of Englands Letter to the Parliament of Scotland.

A Letter from your Lordſhips dated at *Edinburgh* the 16 inſtant, and the Papers therewith ſent having been communicated to both Houſes of the Parliament of *England*, wee are commanded to returne this Anſwer. They doe anſwer their Brethren of *Scotland*, that nothing needs to be ſaid unto them, for removing any jealouſies out of their hearts, or for ſtrengthning that confidence which they have in the affections of that Nation: And they doe preſume that the Proceedings of the Houſes of the Parliament of *England*, from the very beginning of theſe troubles, are a ſufficient declaration of their integrity, and of their conſtant affection to their Brethren of *Scotland*. And as to the deſires of the Kingdome of *Scotland* they doe returne theſe Anſwers.

To the firſt, That when the King ſhall be at *Holmby*, and the Scottiſh Forces gone out of this Kingdome, both Houſes of Parliament (ſaving according to their former Declarations the peculiar Rights of the Kingdome of *England*) will then appoint a Committee

mittee of theirs, to joyne with a Committee of the Kingdome of *Scotland*, to imploy their beſt endeavours to procure his Majeſties aſſent to the Propoſitions agreed on by both Kingdomes, and preſented to His Majeſtie at *Newcaſtle*, and to the diſpoſing of the Biſhops Lands, according to the Ordinances already paſſed both Houſes in that behalfe. And in caſe the King ſhall not give his aſſent thereunto, however the Houſes are ſtill reſolved, firmly to continue and maintaine, the happy Union between the two Kingdomes, according to the Treaties and Covenant; And that according to the late Treaty between the Kingdomes, no Ceſſation, nor any Pacification, or agreement for Peace whatſoever, ſhall be made by either Kingdome, or the Armies of either Kingdome, without the mutuall advice and conſent of both Kingdomes.

To the ſecond deſire, both Houſes doe declare, that it is not their intention, by their appointing of Perſons to waite upon the King in his journie to *Holmby*, to make a ſettlement of any Perſons in any particular places, nor to be any prejudice to any of the Kings Servants that are of either Nation, who have adhered to the Parliaments: And that none ſhall be debarred from having acceſſe to his Majeſtie, who have warrant from the Parliament of *Scotland*, or from the Committee of that Parliament thereunto authoriſed, except ſuch as are diſabled by the Propoſitions agreed on by both Kingdomes.

To the third deſire, the comming of the King ac-

cording to the Votes of both Houſes of the Parliament of *England*, being agreeable to the Covenant and Treaties; They do declare, that upon any troubles that ſhall ariſe to the Kingdome of *Scotland* for the ſame, they will aſſiſt them according to the ſaid Covenant and Treaties.

To the fourth and laſt deſire, both Houſes returne Anſwer, That their Garriſons being delivered up, and the Scottiſh Army and Forces being marched out of this Kingdome, they will take this their deſire into ſpeedy conſideration. This being all we have in command from the Houſes, we reſt,

Weſtminſter, Ian. 27. 1646.

Your affectionate friends and Servants:

E. *Manchester* Speaker of the Houſe of Peers *pro tempore.*

William Lenthall Speaker of the Houſe of Commons.

For the right Honourable the Lords, the Commons of ſhires, and Burrows Aſſembled in the Parliament of *Scotland.*

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